Please amend the Specification by replacing the *Cross reference to related patent applications* presently in the application by the following amended *Cross reference:*:

Cross Reference to Related Patent Applications

The present patent application is the U.S. national phase of PCT/US00/17078, which claims priority from the US provisional application 60/140,417, Hannel, et al., *Using a standard database system interface to check access to a resource*, filed 6/22/99. The present patent application is further a continuation-in-part of PCT/US99/14585, Hannel, et al., *Generalized policy server,* filed 6/28/99 and having a priority date of 6/29/98. PCT/US99/14585's U.S. national phase is USSN 09/720,277. The present application contains the entire *Detailed Description* and drawing of USSN 09/720,277. The new material in the present patent application begins at the section titled *Improvements in the generalized policy server* and includes new figures 38-54.